

## REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel original claims 1-24 and add new claims 25-46. Note that the new claims are presented to delete the reference numerals, remove the multiple dependencies, and to incorporate the changes made in the International Application.

Also, the abstract has been revised in order to reference numerals therein. Note that the changes to the abstract are submitted in the form of a substitute abstract.

Respectfully submitted,

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## ABSTRACT

There are provided a forward-side regulating member ~~(18)~~ for regulating the support positions of the  
5 pallets loaded in a magazine ~~(4)~~ on the forward side in a pallet feed direction—~~(A)~~, a rearward-side regulating member ~~(24)~~ that is movable along the direction, for regulating the support positions of the pallets regulated by the forward-side regulating member on the rearward side  
10 in the direction, and a horizontal posture regulating member ~~(26)~~ that can be arranged between the pallets, for regulating the pallet support posture so as to maintain the roughly horizontal support posture of the pallets supported by one pair of the support sections by virtue of the  
15 arrangement.

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